GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PHASING OUT/ UPGRADATION OF SEA HARRIERS AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to phase out or upgrade the existing Sea Harriers Aircraft of the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Navy has procured Mig-29K from Russia;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the facilities at Naval Aircraft Yard at Kochi which is now utilized for the OMR of Sea King and Sea Harriers Aircraft and utilize it for overhaul maintenance and repair of Mig-29K series; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): An upgrade programme of the Sea Harriers, likely to be in service till 2015, is in progress. Contract for limited avionics upgrade of 14 Sea Harriers was concluded with M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in March 2005. the upgrade is expected to be completed by 2008.

(c) & (d): Contract for procurement of 16 Mig 29K aircraft was concluded with M/s RAC MIG, Russia in January 2004.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.